FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

SEPARATE REVENUE—STAMPS.

Fort William, the 24th April 1874.

No. 2623.—In exercise of the power conferred by Section 35 of the Court Fees' Act 1870, the Governor General in Council is pleased to make the following reduction and remission.

(*a*). Whenever a grant of probate or letters of administration shall have been made in respect of any property forming part of an estate, the amount of fees then actually paid under the said Act shall be deducted when a like grant is made in respect of property belonging to the same estate, identical with or including the property to which the former grant relates.

(*b*). Whenever a grant of probate or letters of administration shall have been made in respect of any property belonging to an estate, no fees shall be chargeable under the said Act when a like grant is made in respect of the whole or any part of the same property belonging to the same estate.

(*c*). This Notification applies to the whole of British India.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATIONS.

ESTABLISHMENT.

Fort William, the 7th April 1874.

No. 193.—Serjeant G. Maile, Overseer, 1st Grade, Mysore, is remanded to Military duty.

Fort William, the 8th April 1874.

No. 205.—Mr. P. Russell, Overseer, 3rd Grade, Mysore, is dismissed with effect from 11th January 1874.

Mr. S. J. Peters is appointed to the Public Works Department as an Overseer, 3rd Grade, on probation, and posted to Mysore.

Fort William, the 10th April 1874.

No. 210.—Lieutenant E. E. Kenny, Her Majesty's 56th Foot and Probationer for the Staff Corps, is appointed to the Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, and posted to Mysore.

C. H. DICKENS, *Colonel, R. A.*,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

CIRCULAR No. 9., RAILWAY.

Fort William, the 23rd April 1874.

READ—

Draft of Rules for the issue and use of free passes on State Railways.

RESOLUTION.—These rules are approved, and should be applied to all State Railways which are placed under the control of the Director of State Railways.

2. Similar rules will be enforced on all State Railways which are placed under other authorities, and proposals embodying the necessary change in those now read in order to make them applicable to such Railways should be submitted in due course.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution and the Rules now read be forwarded to the Director of State Railways, and the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information and guidance.

Also to the Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways; to the Director General of Telegraphs; the Director General of the Post Office, and the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways at Calcutta, Lucknow and Lahore, for information.

Also to the Government of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Punjab; to the Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Oudh, British Burmah, Mysore and Assam; to the Resident at Hyderabad, and the Agents to the Governor General for Rajapootana and Central India.

H. DRUMMOND, *Colonel, R. E.,*
Dy. Secretary, to the Govt. of India.

Enclosure to Circular No. 9, Railway, dated 23rd April 1874—State Railways—Rules for free Passes,

Nature of Passes.

1. Free passes are of four kinds—

A.—Gold Passes.
B.—Silver ,,
C.—Card ,,
D.—Cheque ,,

2. A gold pass entitles the holder to travel at any time over the whole system of State Railways.

3. A silver pass entitles the holder to travel at any time over the particular railway for which it is granted.

4. A card pass entitles the holder to travel over the particular railway for which it is granted, at any time within the dates specified on the pass.

5. A cheque pass entitles the holder to travel on the particular railway for which it is granted, on the date and within the limits of distance specified on the pass.

Issue of Passes.

6. The Officers empowered to issue passes under the following rules are—

(*A.*) *Gold Passes.*—The Director of State Railways.
(*B.*) *Silver Passes.*—The Manager* of the Railway for which the pass is available.
(*C.*) *Card Passes.*—The Manager of the Railway for which the pass is available.
(*D.*) *Cheque Passes.*—

to persons employed in the Departments under their respective charge.	The Manager	*on large Railways, if specially authorized to do so by the Director of State Railways.*	Of the Railway for which the pass is available.
	The Engineer-in-Chief ...		
	,, Loco. Supt.		
	,, Traffic Manager ...		
	,, Store-keeper		
	,, Controller of Accounts ...		
	,, Head of any other Department		

7. In the absence of any of these Officers, one Assistant, to be named by each of them, may issue cheque passes for, and on the responsibility of, the said Officers.

8. The persons entitled to receive and hold passes are as follows :—

(*A.*) *Gold Passes.*—

The Director and Assistant Director of State Railways.
The Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways.
The Managers of State Railways.
The Director of Construction, Telegraph Department.

(*B.*) *Silver Passes.*

The Engineer-in-Chief	permanently attached to, and actually employed on, the particular Railway for which the pass is available.
,, Superintending Engineer	
,, Locomotive Superintendent	
,, Traffic Manager	
,, Controller of Accounts	
,, Deputy Controller of Accounts	
,, Chief Officer of Railway Police	

* By "Manager" in these Rules is meant the Chief Officer charged with executive control of the Railway for the time being.

The Consulting Engineer to Government for each Guaranteed Railway in direct connection* with the Railway.

The Superintendent of Telegraphs in immediate charge of the Telegraph of the Railway.

The Agent ... ...
The Chief Engineer.. ... ... } of each Guaranteed Railway in direc
The Chief Locomotive Superintendent ... ... connection with the railway.
The Chief Traffic Manager ... ...

(C.) *Card. Passes.*—

Executive Engineers ... .
Assistant ,, ...
,, Locomotive Superintendent ... ... } of the particular railway for which the
Assistant Traffic Superintendent ... ... pass is available.
Chief Store-keeper... ... ...
Store-keeper ... ...

Officers temporarily employed on the railway, or under short engagements;

Inspectors and Foremen;

Contractors or Contractors' Agents employed in the construction or maintenance of the railway.

Other persons whose duties necessitate constant travelling on the railway in the business of the railway.

Such Officers and employés of the Postal and Telegraph Departments, whose duties necessitate constant travelling on the railway on the business of the Post Office and Railway Telegraph, as the Government of India may order to be supplied with free passes.

The card passes of Executive Engineers will be available within the limits of the District in charge of their Superintending Engineers: those of Assistant Engineers within their Executive Engineers' Divisions: those of Assistant Traffic and Locomotive Superintendents and Store-keepers within the limits of their respective charges.

(D.) *Cheque Passes*—

Persons other than those above mentioned, travelling on the business of the railway or the mail service and railway telegraph.

9. The following persons may at the discretion of the Manager receive cheque passes. See Rule 29—

Officers of English, Foreign or other railways. Wives and children of Officers and Subordinates employed on the railway, on the occasion of first appointment or subsequent transfer.

10. Gold and silver passes entitled the holders to 1st class accommodation.

11. On card and cheque passes the class in which the holders are to travel will be entered, according to the following rules:—

All Officers of the superior establishment ... ... 1st class.

All persons employed in the subordinate establishment [including Foremen, Inspectors, Station Masters, &c.,) and drawing a salary of not less than Rs. 40 per month ... ... 2nd ,,

All persons employed in the minor establishment, and those drawing less than Rs. 40 per month ... ... 3rd or 4th class.

(*at the discretion of the issuer*)

Form of Passes.

12. Gold and silver passes will be of forms approved by the Government of India, and will have the official title of the holder legibly engraved upon them. They will be numbered consecutively. Silver passes will also be engraved with the name of the railway for which they are available, and will be numbered consecutively for each railway.

* *e. g.* The Consulting Engineer at Calcutta will have a pass for the Rajpootana State Railway, but not for the Punjab Northern State Railway. The Consulting Engineer, Bombay, will have passes for the Holkar, Wurdah and Nizam's State Railways.

13. Card and cheque passes will be written in the prescribed form [Form No. 10 of State Railway Revenue Forms]. The name and title of the holder must be entered in each pass, as well as the dates on which cheque passes, and within which card passes, are available.

14. Card passes will be issued for varying periods never exceeding 6 months.

15. Cheque passes will be issued for single journeys only.

16. Card and cheque passes will also be numbered consecutively.

Use of Passes.

17. Gold and silver passes can only be used by the holders, for the time being, of the offices of which the titles are engraved on the passes.

18. Card and cheque passes can only be used by the persons whose names are entered on the passes.

19. Card passes can only be used within the dates, and cheque passes on the dates specified therein.

20. Each holder of a gold, silver or card pass must return it to the issuer on ceasing to hold the office entitling him to the pass, or upon going on furlough or leave necessitating the appointment of a substitute.

21. Each holder of a card pass must return it to the issuer on the day next following that upon which the pass expires. See Rule 38.

22. Each holder of a cheque pass must deliver it up at the end of his journey under the pass, whether called upon to do so, or not.

23. All passes of every kind are to be examined by ticket-collectors as minutely as ordinary tickets, and whenever the tickets of other passengers are examined.

24. Ticket-collectors are directed to enquire the name of every holder of a gold or silver pass, and enter it, as well as the title engraved on the pass, in their Reports.

25. Each holder of a pass who is unable to produce it when travelling, and called upon to do so by a ticket-collector, will be required to pay full fare in precisely the same way as an ordinary passenger who is unable to produce his ticket.

Free Passes for servants and baggage.

26. A gold or silver pass entitles the holder to take one servant with him in a 3rd class carriage free of charge.

27. The card passes of Executive and Assistant Engineers, Assistant Locomotive and Traffic Superintendents and Store-keepers, are also to be endorsed by the issuer as entitling the holder to take one servant with him in a 3rd class carriage free of charge.

28. The holder of any description of pass will be entitled to have his baggage conveyed free to the following extent—

1st class pass	...	...	...	...	3 maunds.
2nd " "	...	...	...	...	1½ "
3rd " "	...	...	...	...	20 seers.

29. In case of the transfer of any Officer or Subordinate employed on the Railway, or on the issue of a free pass under Rule 9, the Manager may, at his discretion, issue a cheque pass for additional servants or for the carriage of baggage in addition to the amount mentioned in the last Rule.

30. Railway employés who are obliged to reside at a distance from any centre of supply, may, subject to the discretion of the Manager, have a package conveyed free daily between such centre of supply and the Railway Station nearest to them, under the conditions specified in Rule 40.

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Audit of Passes.

31. A return of the card and cheque passes issued by every Officer will be made to the Audit Office of the Railway each month in the prescribed form (Form No. 11).

32. This return will be rigidly scrutinized in the Audit Office, and compared with the collected passes. It is the duty of the Auditing Officer to bring to notice every case in which it appears to him that passes have been irregularly issued.

33. The column of this return in which the reason for the issue of every pass is to be entered must be invariably filled up.

34. An abstract statement of the numbers of free passes issued, together with a note of any passes to which he may take exception, is to be forwarded monthly by the Auditor to the Director of State Railways.

35. The issue of any gold or silver pass is to be promptly notified by the issuer to the Auditor and to the Traffic Manager of each Railway for which such pass is available. The Traffic Manager will cause ticket-collectors to be furnished with a list of all such passes.

Miscellaneous Rules.

36. The transfer of passes is strictly prohibited.

37. Any pass used irregularly is liable to be stopped.

38. A holder of a card pass will be liable to a stoppage of his pass unless his expired card pass is returned to the issuer within 10 days of the date of expiry. See Rule 21.

39. A holder of a pass which has been stopped will have to pay full fares, and will have no claim to the recovery of any fares so paid.

40. The free conveyance of a package under Rule 30 is subject to the condition of its containing *bonâ fide* supplies for personal use, and not for sale. The size and character of the package and any other necessary regulations will be laid down by the Manager of each Railway.